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The California federal judge President Trump accused of bias due to his "Mexican heritage" sided with the Oval Office on Tuesday, ruling the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was within its rights to waive environmental laws in order to construct border walls near San Diego. Read more »

Analysis

CPP Foes, Backers Clash Over Rewrite At Comment Deadline

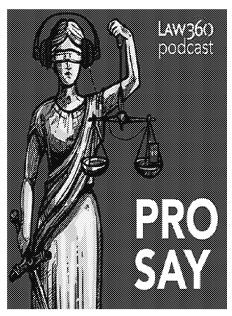
The deadline for comments on a potential Clean Power Plan replacement passed Monday night, with critics of the Obama administration's key climate change regulation telling the EPA any replacement should be limited to efficiency improvements within coal-fired power plants, while supporters blasted that "inside the fence line" approach as insufficient. Read more »

FERC Clears 2 Utilities In Market Manipulation Probe

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced Tuesday that a staff inquiry found no evidence to support allegations by the Environmental Defense Fund and university researchers that New England utilities Eversource Energy and Avangrid artificially constrained the region's natural gas pipeline capacity. Read more »

EPA Rejects Sierra Club Challenge To Power Plant Permit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has rejected The Sierra Club's request that it object to a proposed Clean Air Act permit for a Tennessee Valley Authority coal-fired power plant, according to a notice slated to run Wednesday in the Federal Register. Read more »



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Calif. Can't Require Monsanto To Add Weed Killer Warning

A California federal judge on Monday barred the state from requiring Monsanto to warn that its Roundup weed killers contain glyphosate, saying consumers could wrongly conclude that the chemical definitely causes cancer. Read more »

POLICY & REGULATION

EU Green Reform To Raise Carbon Trade Costs Approved

The European Council on Tuesday formally approved reforms to the European Union's initiative to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030, which it will do by raising the cost of carbon trading for financial services firms and other industries. Read more »

LITIGATION

ND, Texas Ask To Move Forward With Methane Rule Challenge

North Dakota and Texas sought Monday to unpause a Wyoming federal court challenge to an Obama-era rule limiting methane venting and flaring from natural gas wells on public and tribal lands, after another court put the previously delayed rule into effect. Read more »

10th Circ. Backs Weather Service In Ex-Worker's ADA Suit

The Tenth Circuit on Tuesday affirmed a lower court's decision to give a quick win to the National Weather Service in a case brought against it by a former employee who suffered from an autoimmune disease and said the government failed to adequately accommodate her illness. Read more »

PEOPLE

Baker Donelson Nabs Hopping Green & Sams Enviro Atty

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC has boosted its shareholder presence in Tallahassee, Florida, with the addition of an experienced environmental land use attorney from Hopping Green & Sams PA, the firm announced. Read more »

EXPERT ANALYSIS

9th Circ. CWA Decision Could Pose New Compliance Risks

With the Ninth Circuit's recent decision in Hawaii Wildlife Fund v. County of Maui, environmentalists have scored a victory under the Clean Water Act that may cause a widespread re-evaluation of permitting status and engender a wave of citizen suits, says Bernadette Rappold of Greenberg Traurig LLP. Read more »

The Volkswagen Scandal: Catalyst For Class Action Change?

The sheer scale and global nature of the Volkswagen diesel emissions scandal has led to discussions about how such high-volume consumer cases are handled, with some commentators suggesting that the case represents a turning point in how class action litigation is viewed and handled, particularly in Europe, say Noah Wortman, global head of class action services at Goal Group, and attorneys with Hausfeld LLP. Read more »

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Why Machine Learning Should Matter To Lawyers

Legal leaders who want to meet their clients' expanding expectations should start moving their documents to future-ready document management solutions now if they want to stay competitive in the next few years, says Dan Puterbaugh of Adobe Systems Inc. Read more »

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What BigLaw Can Learn From The Big 4

The Big Four accounting firms have assembled massive operations spanning the globe, generating a cumulative \$134 billion in revenue last year. Here, Law360 takes a look at three things BigLaw can learn from the Big Four. Read more »

Feature

Breyer Reads Aloud Fiery Dissent Over Immigrant Bail Ruling

Justice Stephen Breyer refused to go quietly Tuesday after his Supreme Court colleagues voted to deny bail hearings to certain immigrants detained for deportation, reading aloud an impassioned dissent invoking the Declaration of Independence and centuries-old English common law. Read more »

Senate Confirms Ga. Appeals Judge For 11th Circ. Seat

The Senate on Tuesday confirmed President Donald Trump's pick for an Eleventh Circuit vacancy, sending Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Branch to the federal bench. Read more »

Orrick, Jones Day, Irell Partners Tapped For Calif. Bench

California Gov. Jerry Brown appointed 25 superior court judges Tuesday, including partners from Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Jones Day, Irell & Manella LLP, Perkins Coie LLP and Gordon & Rees LLP with focuses on intellectual property, white collar crime and product liability. Read more »

9th Circ. Asks DC High Court For Clarity On Howrey Profits

The Ninth Circuit asked the D.C. Court of Appeals on Tuesday to answer questions of law related to whether a bankruptcy trustee can recover profits earned by ex-Howrey LLP partners for matters started at the now-defunct firm from the attorneys' new firms. Read more »

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